

Department of Labor Faith-based and Community Initiatives Grants Awarded

U.S. Department of Labor Awards Nearly \$5 Million in Grants to Workforce Investment Boards to Partner with Faith-Based and Community Organizations

WASHINGTON—U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao announced nearly \$5 million in grants to 10 Workforce Investment Boards (WIBs) to partner with local faith-based and community organizations to provide employment assistance to disadvantaged individuals throughout the nation.

“Faith-based and community groups reach into America’s poorest neighborhoods to give a helping hand to those job seekers most in need,” said Chao. “These grants, totaling nearly \$5 million, will help faith-based and community organizations connect these job seekers to the employment and training resources they need to succeed and which is available at local One-Stop Career Centers across the nation.”

The grants will help local faith-based and community organizations cultivate long-term partnerships with the public workforce system to assist disadvantaged and limited English-speaking workers enter and succeed in the workforce.

The Department of Labor’s Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives (CFBCI) works to remove regulatory barriers and develop innovative programs to foster partnerships between Labor Department-funded programs and faith-based and community organizations. Through its collaboration with local WIBs, CFBCI offers career training and advancement opportunities to underserved segments of the population.

For more information on the Department of Labor’s Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, please visit www.dol.gov/cfbci/.

2005 WIBs:

Applicant	City	State	Amount
WIB of Herkimer Madison and Oneida Counties	Utica	NY	\$499,973
Brockton Area WIB	Brockton	MA	\$500,000
Northern Virginia WIB	Vienna	VA	\$481,500
Mayor's Office of Employment Development	Baltimore	MD	\$500,000
Santa Ana WIB	Santa Ana	CA	\$500,000
Jefferson County Commission	Birmingham	AL	\$500,000
Pima County	Tucson	AZ	\$450,000
Area Community Service Employment & Training Council (ACSET)	Grand Rapids	MI	\$495,000
The Workplace, Inc.	Bridgeport	CT	\$495,255
Coastal Bend Workforce Development Board, dba Work-Force 1	Corpus Christi	TX	\$476,935
	Total		\$4,898,663

U.S. Department of Labor Awards \$1.2 Million to Faith-Based and Community Organizations

WASHINGTON—U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao announced \$1.2 million in grants to 49 faith-based and community organizations to help them meet the employment and training needs of specific populations through the public workforce system.

“Faith-based and community organizations are uniquely positioned to assist job seekers who are among the most in need of help and this Administration is committed to helping these groups with their important work,” said Chao. “Forty-nine community groups will utilize these grants and help people who want to work take advantage of the resources available at local One-Stop Career Centers across the nation.”

Organizations receiving these grants will focus on the needs of special populations, such as ex-offenders, individuals with disabilities, job seekers who face language barriers and low-income and other economically disadvantaged workers. In many cases, the grantees will provide supportive services and individual mentoring not available through the One-Stop delivery system.

“By connecting faith-based and community organizations with the public workforce system, individuals who might not otherwise be served will find training and employment opportunities in local areas,” said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Emily Stover DeRocco. “By working together, workforce investment boards and local faith-based community organizations will close service gaps and help more Americans find jobs with promising career paths.”

2005 GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS

Applicant	City	State	Amount
African and American Friendship Association for Cooperation and Development (AAFACD), Inc.	St. Paul	MN	\$25,000
Community Housing Partnership	San Francisco	CA	\$25,000
East African Community of Orange County	Anaheim	CA	\$25,000
Enrichment Through Employment	Torrance	CA	\$24,998
Faith Matters	Greensboro	NC	\$25,000
International Institute of the East Bay	Oakland	CA	\$25,000
Ropheka Rock of The World, Inc.	Atlanta	GA	\$24,920
Southwest Center for Independence, Inc.	Durango	CO	\$24,308
UrbaneKnights, Inc.	Toledo	OH	\$25,000
Christian Workplace Mentoring Ministry	Springfield	OH	\$25,000
Jubilee Restoration, Inc.	Berkeley	CA	\$25,000
Work In Progress	Columbia	SC	\$25,000
Wyandotte Serves and Wyandotte Works, Inc.	Kansas City	KS	\$25,000
Asian American Workforce Development Corporation	Boston	MA	\$24,969
Children's Justice Alliance	Portland	OR	\$25,000
Colleton County Literacy Council	Walterboro	SC	\$20,020
Connecticut Association for United Spanish Action, Inc.	Hartford	CT	\$25,000
Future Careers, Inc.	Alexandria	VA	\$24,507
Housing Preservation and Development Corporation	Richmond	VA	\$25,000
IMANI HOUSE, Inc.	Brooklyn	NY	\$25,000
JCTOD Outreach, Inc.	Utica	NY	\$25,000
MultiEthnic Community Center (MECC)	Houston	TX	\$25,000
New Destiny Community Corporation	Paterson	NJ	\$25,000
Nontraditional Employment for Women	New York	NY	\$25,000
Phoenix Dine, Inc.	Phoenix	AZ	\$24,585
Portage County Literacy Council, Inc.	Stevens Point	WI	\$24,870
Solutions Community Development Corporation, Inc.	Holyoke	MA	\$25,000
Southeast Children's Fund, Inc.	Washington	DC	\$25,000
The Workshop for Adult Vocational Enrichment, Inc.	Tallahassee	FL	\$20,000
African Cultural Alliance of North America	Philadelphia	PA	\$25,000
Association for Independent Living of Utah	Provo	UT	\$25,000
County Housing , Education and Community Services, Inc.	Greenville	MS	\$25,000
Loaves & Fishes Ministries, Inc.	Hartford	CT	\$25,000
Rappahannock Area Health Education Center	Warsaw	VA	\$25,000
Bread of Life Ministries	Augusta	ME	\$25,000
Faith Action for Community Equity	Honolulu	HI	\$25,000

Giving Rewarding Opportunities to Work (G.R.O.W.) Inc.	Vero Beach	FL	\$25,000
Holly Community , Inc.	Salisbury	MD	\$25,000
One Stop Vision Center for the Special Population	Tampa	FL	\$24,896
Turning the Tide	Philadelphia	PA	\$25,000
Victory Temple Ministry for Economic Development	Oklahoma City	OK	\$25,000
Elim Pacific Ministries	Barrigada	GU	\$25,000
Hope Center, Inc.	Gretna	LA	\$24,220
Native American Community Services	Las Vegas	NV	\$25,000
La Casa Norte	Chicago	IL	\$25,000
Saint Luke Baptist Church	Albuquerque	NM	\$25,000
Alpha House Inc.	Mountain Home	AR	\$21,200
Faith in Action Outreach Ministries, Inc.	Hayneville	AL	\$25,000
The Joslin Community Development Corporation	Providence	RI	\$25,000
	Total		\$1,208,493